Supply of phalcon system by Israel

4812. SHRIK. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to US pressure, Israel has backed off its deal with India for the supply of phalcon Air-Borne Warning and Control System;

(b) whether US has made its recent $ 1.00 billion military hardware aid to Israel, conditional for cancellation of Indo-Israeli phalcon deal;

(c) whether Israel had similarly backed off a contract deal with Bejing for phalcon system, for which China had paid almost $ 250 million, under pressure from US; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OFDEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No information is available in this regard.

(c) No credible information is available in this regard.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Procurement of SU-30 jets from Russia

4813. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have procured all the ordered SU-30 Jets from Russia;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have entered into any technology-know how transfer agreement with Russia for manufacturitng SU-30 Jets indigenously in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Out of the fifty SU-30 aircraft contracted; twenty-eight have been delivered. The delivery of the remaining aircraft is expected to be completed by December, 2003. These are being delivered in batches.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 140 SU-30 MKI aircraft would be manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under Transfer of Technology (TOT) arrangement. The production of these 140 aircraft by HAL is planned to be completed by 2017-2018.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Allocation for residential buildings of defence personnel

4814. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary allocations made for the residential buildings for the defence personnel for the year 2002-2003 have been fully utilised;

(b) if not, the reasons for under utilisation of the fund; and

(c) the details and steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OFDEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Allotted funds could not be utilised due to time taken for initial planning and non-starting of construction work on the ground.

(c) The Government have finalised the modalities of construction of 1,98,881 dwelling units of married accommodation in four Phases. Phase-I of the work to construct married accommodation consisting of 61,658 dwelling units for Defence Service Personnel at 81 stations beginning with the year 2002-2003 has been approved. It would cater to 7484 officers, 6809 Junior Commissioned Officers and 47365 other ranks. The Government has set up organisation of Director General, Married Accommodation Project for undertaking part of the work and also assigned some work to Central Public Works Department, Defence Research Development Organisation and some Public Sector Undertakings.